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In God's light, we love, learn and grow together

*The winter is over; the rains have stopped; in the countryside the flowers are in bloom. This is the time for singing; the song of doves is heard in the fields.
(Song of Solomon 2:11-12)*

WORLD BOOK DAY

The children enjoyed dressing up for World book day. It was lovely to see the children and staff so enthusiastic about their favourite books. Well done to all the parents who bought/made costumes. Reading is something the whole school is promoting. We want the children to enjoy reading for pleasure. Our Y5&6 also had a visit to Pritchard's Bookshop in Crosby Village which they enjoyed.



Thank you for all the support!

Dates to Note

Friday 8th March – World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite book character and bring the book to school. Y5&6 to visit Pritchard Bookshop

Tuesday 12th March - Olympic athlete to visit school

Cross Country Race after school

Friday 15th March- Launch of kNOwknifecrime mini-marathon

Wednesday 27th March – Whole school assembly 2pm. Parents invited.

Thursday 28th March – Mad Hair day. Bring in £1 donation. Term ends at 1:15pm

HALF TERM BREAK - (School Holiday Club 9am-3pm. £10 a day. Places need to be pre-booked and paid in advance to arrange staffing)

Monday 15th April – Children back
Mini Marathons all week

Wednesday 17th April- kNOwknifecrime Sefton school run

Tuesday 23rd April- School class photographs

Monday 6th May- BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 13th May- Thursday 16th – Y6 SATS week

Monday 20th May – Whole school Quidditch day

Friday 24th May- Children finish at 2:30pm
Own clothes day and foodbank donation

Wednesday Word

This week's Wednesday Word is on the Catholic Life of Our School page.

After School Clubs- LATE charges

Can we please remind parents that when a club finishes after school, your child must be collected on time. We are finding an increase number of parents being up to **half an hour late**. From this week, we will now charge a **late fee** for collection. Staff have children to collect from other providers and are getting late fees due to some parents at school turning up late for collection. Staff don't get paid extra to run clubs, they volunteer. If you are late collecting a child from an after school club such as dance or sport, they will automatically be put in our after provision club Mon-Thu and be charged £8.

If you are late collecting on a Friday club, the charge will be £10.

If you are late collecting from the schools regular after school provision, the charge is also £10.

There are no exceptions. Thank you to those who collect on time.

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY: 2023-24

Sefton council class any child below **90% as persistently absent**. Our whole **school target is 96%**, which tends to be in line with national averages. It is so important that children attend school as much as possible. We understand that this cannot be the case with genuine illnesses. Thank you to all for all the effort on getting the children into school and reducing the term time holidays.

DARK GREEN– Very Good (96%+)	GREEN – Good (95-95.9%)	AMBER- Slight Concern (94.9-90.1%)	RED- Below the acceptable level- Classed as persistently absence level (below 90%)			
WHOLE SCHOOL - 95%						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.4%	94.2%	95.4%	98.1%	93.7%	94.7%	94.4%

Easter Half Term Club



Week 1 - 9am – 3pm– Tuesday 2nd April – Friday 5th April (£10 per day or £35 for the 4 days)

Week 2 – 9am – 3pm - Monday 8th April- Friday 12th April (£10 per day or £40 for the 5 days)

Booking and payments need to be made in advance where possible due to staffing and resource costs.

Please pay cash into the school office with the attention of **Billy** at the holiday club or call 07767898216. Children need to bring their packed lunch. As the club will be run by the school, new registration forms will need to be completed when the children arrive. Mr Lloyd (Billy) will have them ready. We are excited for all the activities and games.

Easter Raffle

Raffle tickets are being sold daily at the office and by the student council. £1 per strip. All prizes will be on display in school. Monies raised will be split between Cafod and School Funds.



Reading in an unusual place competition

Thank you for the photographs of children reading in an unusual place. Sadly we didn't get many. Therefore, everyone who sent a photograph in will receive a £5 Amazon voucher. Well done and Keep Reading!



